MR. BUCHANAN'S DENIAL OF THE TRUTH OF THE "BANNER'S" ASSERTIONS.

To the Editor of the Spectator.

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SIR,—I desire through your columns to reply to an attack made on me through the *Banner* newspaper this morning, which is equally untruthful and atrocious. The party who has imposed his information on the *Banner* has the malicious object of injuring me personally, through prejudicing against me the mind of Parliament, which re-assembles this evening; and the readiness of the *Banner* to take its present disgraceful course is the damage to the Government, which it supposes would ensue if its assertions were believed, for it says:

"If the amalgamation be carried out, which we believe will be the case, unless a tre endous adverse influence is brought to bear upon the Legislature, the consequences will be most disastrous to the Province."

The immediate cause of the *Banner's* change from entire confidence to utter want of confidence in me, is an article which appeared in the Toronto *Leader*, stating my having repudiated certain personalities lately indulged in by the *Banner* against two members of Parliament.

The *Banner's* own particular object is not so much to injure me, as to implicate the Government in some conspiracy through me with the Grand Trunk. I am a party to no Railway Job, and never was a party to one, never having made one farthing by any Railway; so that I can afford to hold in the contempt they deserve, assertions so untruthful as the following:

"Not caring a straw for the public interest, except so far as it promotes the aggrandizement of the commercial firm with which he is connected, he has sold himself with 250 miles of Railroad charters, to the Government, to fasten a monopoly upon Canada, which will annihilate the virtue and patriotism of her sons, and foster in the Legislature every conceivable species of corruption. Verily, the corruptionists have found in Mr. Buchanan, a faithful friend, who can play the game of flunkeyism outside the Legislature, when it suits his purpose, as well as Macbeth, Rankin and Larwill can on the floor of the Assembly."

I beg to state, most unequivocally, that at this moment I have no farther connection with Railways, and no farther object in view than the public knows of, which is to get back the monies I advanced on the charters of the Great South Western line, simply with the object of securing this line to the Great Western Railway, and serving the supposed interests of the city of Hamilton.

It seems proper that I should also take this opportunity to deny that I have had any communication either with any members of the Government, or with any Directors of the Grand Trunk on the subject of the amalgamation of the Grand Trunk with any other Railway. It is well known that I was anxious to see a union of the Great Western and the Great South Western Railways, as the only effectual check which could be placed upon the Grand Trunk's being extended out of Toronto to the South and West, and on those who opposed this view, must lie the responsibility of the alternative policy being adopted when this comes about. It is now, as it always has been, obvious to me that the Great Western Railway would not be allowed by Parliament to play the part of the dog in the manger, neither building the Southern Road itself nor allowing others to do so. And it remains to be seen whether I or my opponents have been the best friend of the Great Western Railway.

I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

ISAAC BUCHANAN.